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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL EMPLOYEES

As I turn in my badge and leave this office, I want to thank each employee of this fine Agency for the splendid work you have provided to our country and to me over these past years. The great talent, dedication and effectiveness of all of you have been an inspiration to me and a telling argument against those attacking us. You have been under tremendous pressure in this past year of turmoil and tumult, but you have continued without missing a beat to produce what is clearly the best intelligence in the world. I know George Bush will provide fine leadership for you, and I am equally sure that you will give him the same outstanding support and assistance that you gave me. I hope in time that my departure date will be noted as the time when responsible Americans asserted the importance of our intelligence needs for the future rather than being transfixed by the different world of the past.

With my very best wishes to you and your families,

  
W. E. Colby  
Director